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give you a chance to make a living. Goodby, you coward!"

SHE opened the door and passed out leaving him still seated on the bench. She climbed to the wharf and made her way back to the west bank against the bombardment of snow and wind. The green light was plainer now, and nearer; and soon she made out in the gathering light of the morning the shadowy outlines of a schooner under a double-reefed foresail and jib. The craft lurched to an angle of thirty degrees to leeward, she rose on her nose and sank on her tail to an angle of fifteen, and her hull was mostly out of sight. But she was making her way, and, even as Mabel looked, the mainsail fluttered from the booms. She did not know, but the men aboard that schooner were setting a close-reefed mainsail, against the exigency of hauling on the wind to sail into the harbor unaided by a tug. The fore boom was to starboard, and she saw it slowly creep in. She did not know that the canvas must all be to port when the vessel headed for the piers. Then the foresail jibed, and the mainsail slowly rose and tautened while the schooner altered her course and headed directly toward her, seemingly anxious to hit the beach beneath her. But the leeway was at work, and her drift carried her eastward. It was a problem beyond her comprehension as to whether that schooner would make the piers or go to the eastward to the deadly beach.

She watched and prayed for Bill, while the wind whistled through her upper garments, and the snow protected her body from the waist down; for she stood in a drift four feet high. But in the interval between the snow squalls she looked to leeward, and there, in the jaws of the pier she saw a big black tug, wallowing in the cross seas, showing her bilge on the lee roll, plunging her nose into the combers, and again lifting into view. It was Black Jack's tug, and he had gone out for Bill.

"God love him and bless him!" said Mabel.

"He's good, after all."

And so she watched in the growing morning light, and prayed, not only for the man she loved, but for the other man who loved

BILL was on deck; he had been on deck all night. Starting from Port Dalhousie under lower canvas, with a crew tired out from the long, hard drill of taking the schooner through the Welland Canal, he had sent his crew below to sleep, wisely judging that he would need them, fresh and strong, when they made port. But before sending them down he had taken in his mainsail and close reefed the foresail, which, with the jib, was all that she needed to make the run by daylight. And until the first gray lightened the darkness to the east he and the helmsman had the deck together, Bill showing the torch toward the last. Then he called his mate and his men, and said to the former:

"Now, you know what we've got to do. The wind is due nor'west, and with this sea there's little chance of a tug-none whatever if Black Bill is on tonight. So, just as soon as we see the light, we must jibe to portvery carefully, mind you, on account of this old canvas-and put the reefed mainsail on her. If it don't carry away, we can sail in."

"Why," said the mate, "don't someone kill that black dog?"

"He'll get it some day. There's the light. Loose the mainsail; but before you set it get the foresheet aft, ready to jibe."
They obeyed him. They loosed the main-

sail to the last peak gasket; then, leaving the fluttering canvas, went to the foresheet. Slowly it came in until the boom was nearly overhead, and the man at the wheel working like a wood sawyer under the increased diffi-culty in steering. Then Bill sang out: "All ready! Haul taut your boom guy and hang onto it. Stand by to slack away,

one hand; the rest aft to the mainsail. Put your wheel up," this to the man at the wheel; "bring the light about two points on the port bow.'

Leaving one man to slack the boom over by the guy, the rest rumbled aft and manned the main throat and peak halyards.

It was now that Mabel, on the west bank, recognized the schooner and wondered. The schooner paid off, the foresail filled on the opposite side, and the fore boom guy sang like a fiddlestring under the sudden strain, then parted at the bitts; then the fore boom, with six feet drift, swung overhead until brought up by the sheet. But the sudden checking of the vast expanse of canvas was too much for its strength. A rent appeared in the middle, extending up and down until it met a patch; then it tore forward and aft, and before the men had started the main gaff clear of the boom the foresail was in ribbons.

"Let it go to the devil!" roared Bill. "Set this mainsail!" and then, to the man forward



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